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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Kathy Alfke on her selection as the 2000 Teacher of the Year by the National Right to Read Foundation (NRRF).

Whereas, On Friday, October 13, 2000, in the office of Dr. Suellen Reed, state superintendent of public instruction, Kathy Alfke received the 2000 Teacher of the Year award from the National Right to Read Foundation (NRRF);

Whereas, This award is presented each year by the NRRF to one teacher selected from the entire nation who has exerted a tremendous effort to restore reading literacy in the classroom by emphasizing the skills of explicit intensive systematic phonics;

Whereas, The eligibility criteria for this award set forth by the NRRF perfectly describe Kathy;

Whereas, When Kathy became frustrated with the way reading was being taught in Indiana's schools, she took a leave of absence from her classroom in order to find a better way to provide successful reading skills to her students;

Whereas, It is this type of determination that makes Kathy such a successful teacher, a teacher loved by her students and their parents alike;

Whereas, In addition to being named 2000 Teacher of the Year by the NRRF, Kathy received the Teacher Creativity Grant from the Lily Endowment in 1989, an award given to



only 80 teachers in the state;

Whereas, Kathy was also voted one of the top ten teachers of the year for Indianapolis Public Schools in 1991 and was awarded the National Literacy Advocate Award from the James Flanigan Foundation and the United Parcel Service;

Whereas, Kathy enjoyed recognition from the Indiana press when she was interviewed by the Indianapolis Star and her story appeared in the special feature in "Reading Revolution" on January 9, 2000;

Whereas, Kathy is an Indiana State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in education and is licensed to teach grades 1 through 6 with a reading endorsement that was professionalized in 1986;

Whereas, Kathy received her master's degree from IUPUI in 1986;

Whereas, Kathy has 16 years of teaching experience, 15 of which have been with Indianapolis Public Schools;

Whereas, Kathy has a firm belief that educators must forge partnerships with families, civic organizations, and social service agencies in order to establish a support system for our children that can enhance their chances for success; and

Whereas, An exemplary teacher, Kathy represents the best of the teaching profession with her positive contributions, compassion, and enthusiasm, which are needed in the teaching profession today if our children are to succeed in the future: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to
2 congratulate Kathy Alfke on her selection as the National Right to
3 Read Foundation's 2000 Teacher of the Year, to commend her on a job
4 well done, and to wish her continued success in her future endeavors.



1 SECTION 2. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted by the
2 Secretary of the Senate to Kathy Alfke and her family and to Rubie
3 Crockett, principal of Riverside School No. 44.

